

# HAIL THE ANTI-FASCIST STUDENTS' DEFENSE AGAINST ADMINISTRATION - POLICE ATTACKS!

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On Thursday afternoon, Oct. 28, the fascist ECC administration called the ECC police and the Newark police to try to put an end to a public meeting organized by the Newark Student Movement (NSM). About 14 police thugs broke into room #4163, where the meeting was being held, and violently attacked the comrade from the NSM and other students attending the meeting. When attacked, the NSM comrade and three other students staunchly defended themselves. One result of these self-defense efforts against this fascist attack was that at least one police thug was sent to the hospital and others needed medical treatment. The anti-fascist students who defended themselves against the police assault were themselves charged with 'assault and battery' and 'creating a disturbance.' The four ECC students were arraigned in Newark Municipal Court the next day, with bail being set at \$20,000 bond for each student. Plainly the fascist court considered the anti-fascist struggle of the ECC students as a great threat to its class interests.

This administration-ordered police raid was not an isolated incident but only the latest tactic of the administration's continuing efforts to crush the communist organization on campus, NSM, and squelch every other revolutionary organization and their supporters. It is well known for instance that the administration has long sought to get rid of the Afro-Asian-Latin American People's Solidarity Forum (Newark). Over the past summer, the attacks on the Solidarity Forum were intensified to the point where a member of the Solidarity Forum was fired from his job at ECC. Previously, the Solidarity Forum has had some of its supporters banned from the campus, and the college has used many tricks to try and disrupt the work of the Solidarity Forum. As for the Newark Student Movement, no sooner had it set foot on campus in September than the campus police were sent by the administration to try to prevent it from distributing the Workers' Advocate, newspaper of the Central Organization of U.S. Marxist-Leninists.

When the NSM launched a campaign against the capitalist presidential elections, a campaign which gained widespread support among the students, the ECC administration made plans to "get the NSM." The administration concentrated its attacks for the day that the NSM held its first public meeting on campus under the slogans "DON'T VOTE--THEY'RE ALL THE SAME" and "TO HELL WITH THE CAPITALIST POLITICAL PARTIES." First the ECC administration itself tried three times to remove a banner proclaiming the slogans from the second floor main lounge area. J. Harry Smith, the college president, participated in the first attempt, which failed. Then a trotskyite agent for the administration, who had a literature table near the NSM banner, mobilized the Director of Student Activities, Willie Moore, to attack the banner. When Moore's fascist efforts failed, yet another administrator demanded in vain that the banner be removed. Besides this, one administrator tried to disrupt the work of a NSM comrade by ranting and raving about some other organization's posters.

A short time before the meeting was scheduled to begin, two trotskyite agents of the administration attempted to prevent the meeting from taking place by asking a comrade to cancel the NSM's meeting in order to join their rally in support of racism in South Africa and Boston. These trotskyite dogs were ordered out of the meeting room. A few minutes later, an administration official ripped down and tore a poster announcing the meeting that was taped to the door of the meeting room. A comrade from the NSM caught this cowardly bandit as he was running away down the hall and removed the poster from his hands. This administrator then crawled downstairs to get the campus police.

The administration clearly had the view that they had every right to try and prevent the NSM from presenting its views and that they would use sneak attacks and armed police to enforce this position.

When the meeting was about to start, four campus police came up to the meeting room and attempted to arrest the NSM comrade. The students strongly opposed this attack and explained to the people gathering outside the meeting room as well as those inside, the fascist nature of the campus police. At this point the police shrieked that the two people who had entered the room should leave. They refused at first and left only after a deluge of police threats. When the campus police saw that they could not invade the meeting alone, they called the Newark police for

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reinforcements. Soon the combined police force occupied the hall and prevented students from entering the meeting. The NSM, however, was determined to conduct its meeting, and a comrade from the NSM began speaking. Now the police invaded the room in force. The NSM speaker and the three student comrades left in the room each vigorously defended themselves. Finally, after about 20 minutes, the fourteen police succeeded in handcuffing the four students. While being pushed into the police cars, the four valiant anti-fascist fighters denounced the attack to the people who had gathered around.

In sum, the ECC administration has consciously sought for a long time to drive off campus the communists of the NSM as well as every other revolutionary and anti-fascist organization. This police raid was only the latest phase of this effort.

The reason the administration attacks the anti-fascist and communist students is that the administration is fascist and anti-communist; it prerepresents the interests of the monopoly capitalist class that rules the U.S. The monopoly capitalist class is presently in the midst of holding their fraudulent elections that are designed to promote their all-round fascist offensive against the working class and people. The capitalist political parties are advocating more exploitation of the working class and people, growing fascism, wars of aggression, and preparation for new world war with Soviet social-imperialism for world domination. When the NSM called a meeting to denounce the capitalist political parties and the election fraud, the ECC administration attacked it in order to serve its own capitalist masters. From start to finish, the administration's attack on the NSM was a political attack. The administration represents the monopoly capitalist dictators while the NSM represents the working class and people. While the administration said that students should vote and thereby support the anti-working class, anti-people capitalist parties, the NSM said that students should consciously oppose the capitalist parties and their elections, denounce their fascist programs and not vote. This is why the administration launched its violent attack.

ECC students are all too familiar with the anti-people nature of the ECC administration. The same administration has launched an all-out campaign to make the students bear the burden of the capitalists' economic crisis through cutbacks, tuition and fee-increases. In fact the administration cancelled classes on Election Day to encourage students to vote and select which monopoly capitalist dictator will oppress them for the next four years. In this way the administration encourages students to participate in the capitalists' attacks on the working class and people.

While it is inevitable that the ECC administration will serve the capitalists and call out police attacks on the students, it is equally inevitable that the students will defend themselves from the attacks and defend their basic interests. The basic interests of the students are no different from the basic interests of the working class. Students will always oppose the attacks of the monopoly capitalists and their administration and police lackeys. Students will always wage revolutionary struggle against the monopoly capitalist dictators. Students are preparing for the anti-fascist proletarian socialist revolution.

This fascist attack against the students will gain nothing for the administration. It cannot stop the students from defending their basic interests. It cannot stop revolution. The attack has only drawn very clear lines between the communist and anti-fascist students and the administration, the police, and their capitalist masters. The NSM declares that we will not give the capitalists and their lackeys a moment's rest! NSM further declares that students will rise up in ever greater numbers to oppose the attacks of the monopoly capitalists and their government stooges and will surely put an end to their criminal rule.

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